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In re Application of :
Thomas V. Ward Jr., et al. :
Serial No. 10/751,075 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: January 2, 2004 : TO MAKE SPECIAL
For: REPORT COVER WITH IMPROVED:
BINDING STRUCTURE AND :
METHOD OF MAKING SAME :

Applicant's petition, filed January 2, 2004, requests that this application be rendered special for examination in that applicant is over sixty-five (65) years of age.

The petition has been reviewed and is found to be in compliance with the requirements for special status as set forth in Section 708.02(IV) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP).

PETITION GRANTED.

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